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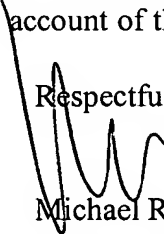
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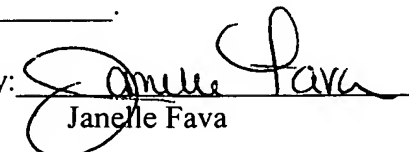
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☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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